

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Greg Brotherton, Chair BOCC
Apple Martine, Public Health Director

DATE: August 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Discussion and Potential Action Re: Use of Opioid Settlements

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Jefferson County has two settlements regarding the Opioid Crisis that, subject to an MOU with Salish Behavioral Health - Administrative Services Organization (Salish BH-ASO), will be administered through the Salish BH-ASO. Salish BH-ASO has indicated that Jefferson County can opt to administer the settlements independently and the Salish BH-ASO will pass those funds through to Jefferson County. Commissioner Brotherton who serves on the Board of the Salish BH-ASO will be joined by Salish BH-ASO staff, Jefferson County Public Health staff, and the Director of Jefferson County's Community Mental Health Center to discuss and propose distribution of the two existing settlements.

ANALYSIS:

With many worthwhile organization working in the Behavioral Health sector, the proposal is to dedicate the "Distributor" settlement of \$896,804.78 over sixteen years to the funding of the independent Behavioral Health Consortium with fiscal oversight by our local Community Mental Health Center, Discovery Behavioral Health, and to pass the funds from the "Pharmacy" settlement of \$883,635.37 over fourteen years into Fund 131 to directly distribute through the County's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee RFP process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This revenue is explicitly provided to Jefferson County for Opioid Abatement efforts and these options qualify as appropriate uses. This recommendation is fiscally neutral.

RECOMMENDATION:

Listen to presentation. Ask any questions, discuss and consider action.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

8/11/23
Date